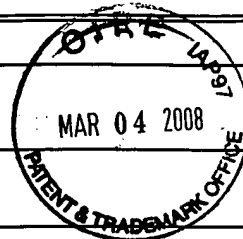


INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

FORM PTO 1449 (modified)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICELIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S)
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Date Submitted to PTO: March 4, 2008

ATTY DOCKET NO.
2006_0325ASERIAL NO.
10/571,296APPLICANT
Haruo YAMASHITA et al.FILING DATE
November 14, 2006GROUP
2622

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	2003/0103162	6-5-03	Sano et al.			
	AB	6,266,102	7-24-01	Azuma et al.			
	AC	4,837,722	6-6-89	Sara			
	AD	5,608,813	3-4-97	Nakajima			
	AE	5,991,457	11-23-99	Ito et al.			
	AF	6,324,309	11-27-01	Tokuyama et al.			
	AG	7,113,648	9-26-06	Aihara			
	AH	6,853,747	2-8-05	Matsuura et al.			
	AI	7,113,307	9-26-06	Ohkubo			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	BA	11-501841	2-16-99	Japan			abstract
	BB	2001-243463	9-7-01	Japan			abstract
	BC	2000-4379	1-7-00	Japan			abstract
	BD	2000-278522	10-6-00	Japan			abstract
	BE	2003-174602	6-20-03	Japan			abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	CA	Chinese Office Action (along with English language translation) issued September 28, 2007 in Chinese Application No. 200480026254.5
	CB	Chinese Office Action (along with English language translation) issued September 28, 2007 in Chinese Application No. 200480026191.3
	CC	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

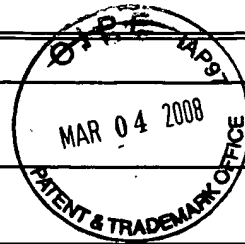
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

FORM PTO 1449 (modified)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICELIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S)
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Date Submitted to PTO: March 4, 2008

ATTY DOCKET NO.
2006_0325ASERIAL NO.
10/571,296APPLICANT
Haruo YAMASHITA et al.FILING DATE
November 14, 2006GROUP
2622

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,856,704	2-15-05	Gallagher et al.			
	AB	6,480,202	11-12-02	Deguchi et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	BA	11-122488	4-30-99	Japan			abstract
	BB	11-69181	3-9-99	Japan			abstract
	BC	0 961 487	12-1-99	Europe			x
	BD	1 209 621	5-29-02	Europe			x
	BE	2000-32281	1-28-00	Japan			abstract
	BF	2000-50097	2-18-00	Japan			abstract
	BG	2001-69352	3-16-01	Japan			abstract
	BH	2001-78047	3-23-01	Japan			abstract
	BI	2001-111858	4-20-01	Japan			abstract
	BJ	2002-44451	2-8-02	Japan			abstract
	BK	2002-133409	5-10-02	Japan			abstract
	BL	2003-46778	2-14-03	Japan			abstract
	BM	1-120682	5-12-89	Japan			abstract
	BN	2-73783	3-13-90	Japan			abstract
	BO	3-222577	10-1-91	Japan			abstract
	BP	4-367162	12-18-92	Japan			abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

CA

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

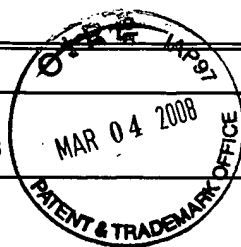
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

FORM PTO 1449 (modified)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICELIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S)
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Date Submitted to PTO: March 4, 2008

ATTY DOCKET NO.
2006_0325ASERIAL NO.
10/571,296APPLICANT
Haruo YAMASHITA et al.FILING DATE
November 14, 2006GROUP
2622

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA						
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	BA	6-259543	9-16-94	Japan			abstract
	BB	9-153132	6-10-97	Japan			abstract
	BC	9-168097	6-24-97	Japan			abstract
	BD	9-231353	9-5-97	Japan			abstract
	BE	10-13667	1-16-98	Japan			abstract
	BF	10-75395	3-17-98	Japan			abstract
	BG	10-154223	6-9-98	Japan			abstract
	BH	11-27517	1-29-99	Japan			abstract
	BI	11-205620	7-30-99	Japan			abstract
	BJ	96/28095	9-19-96	WO			x
	BK	99/23637	5-14-99	WO			abstract
	BL	0 440 166	7-28-99	Europe			x

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

CA

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.